

Local Government

Joint project maps Sydney's future food supply sources

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A project to map food production sources for Sydney recently brought together farmers, planners, government agencies and industry representatives to consider the future of the city's fertile land.

Wollondilly Shire Council and the Institute of Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology, Sydney, hosted the workshop, which is part of a project called Mapping Sydney's Potential Foodsheds. The project is also supported by the Sydney Peri-Urban Network, representing 12 councils around the ring of the city, including Wollondilly.

The aim of the project is to generate maps of future food production, supply and demand around

Sydney under various scenarios.

Researchers aim to release their work later this year. The hope is that it will help inform both local and state government land-use planning decisions relating to Sydney's fringe.

Local Government NSW is spending \$77,500 to support the initiative through its Building Resilience to Climate Change fund.

Other projects paid for by the fund include an Albury City Council scheme to help manage the impact of extreme heat on critical and emergency services, a Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's project to map urban heat islands in southern Sydney, and a Penrith City Council analysis of heat events in Sydney's west and inner west.



A project to map Sydney's food sources may help with future planning decisions. Photo: Daniel Munoz

Flood study

Camden Council is seeking a contractor to conduct an updated and detailed flood study of the Nepean River Catchment. The tender seeks a contractor to produce a draft plan, including for Narellan Creek, and a preparation of a flood-plain risk assessment. See TenderLink.com.

Dumping strategy

Illegal dumping will be addressed by 37 councils and community groups across the state, who will share \$15 million in grants. Environment Minister Mark Speakman announced the grants under the government's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

Park approval

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has approved the latest stage of the Central Park development on Sydney's Broadway. It will include a childcare centre, office space, apartments and a hotel.